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Bob Ingersoll and Marion Donnelly
Barrick Resources (USA) Inc.
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Re: Approval of Amendment to Reclamation Plan, Barrick Resources (USA) Inc., Mercur Mine,
M/045/017, Tooele County, Utah

Dear Mr. Ingersoll and Mr. Donnelly:

The Division has completed the review of your latest permit amendment seeking approval of a minor change to the approved reclamation plan for the tailing impoundment (spillway design and settlement grading plan). We appreciate the effort you have put into these documents and apologize for the unintentional delay in responding to your submittal. We hope this has not caused any undue hardship.

We have determined that the changes to your reclamation plan for the tailings impoundment are minor; therefore, we have reviewed the proposal as an amendment rather than a revision to your approved permit. It is not required that we publish an amendment in the local newspapers. The Division hereby accepts the proposed changes to your reclamation closure plan. You may begin the reclamation work as outlined in the amended plan at your convenience.

Thank you for your help in keeping us updated and informed of any future changes to your reclamation plan. Good luck with the implementation of the final phases of your tailings impoundment closure plan.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor
Minerals Regulatory Program

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